

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Group Art Unit:	2616
DAVID W. SMITH	Examiner:	Toan D. Nguyen
Serial No.: 09/225,388	Conf. No.:	2528
Filed: JANUARY 05, 1999	Atty. Dkt.:	2162.002500/TT2581
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PATTERN MATCHING ON SINGLE AND MULTIPLE PATTERN STRUCTURES	CUSTOMER NO.:	23720

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Mailed a Notice of Allowance on June 15, 2010, allowing all of the pending claims 1-35. The due date for paying the Issue Fee is September 15, 2010. This paper is being filed on July 14, 2010, therefore it is timely filed.

It appears that, for convenience, the Examiner has paraphrased the claimed language in the Reasons for Allowance. While the Applicants understand the Examiner's desire to use convenient phraseology, the Applicants note that the proper scope of the claims should be governed based on the express language of the claims themselves in the event there is any inconsistency (actual or perceived) between the claimed language and the Examiner's paraphrasing. Furthermore, words used in the Examiner's paraphrasing should not be construed as claim limitations if the claims themselves do not include the language referenced by the

Examiner. Other references or characterizations made by the Examiner in his Reasons for Allowance that are not present in the claims are not to be construed as limitations.

The intended respective scopes of the claims are defined by the respective languages recited in the claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, **the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney** at the Houston, Texas telephone number (713) 934-4069.

Respectfully submitted,

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